

**Green, LindaE**

---

**From:** Talia Lavin via iFOIA.org <tinuviel8994.123935@mail.ifoia.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 08, 2017 3:27 PM  
**To:** FOIA HQ  
**Subject:** Public Records Request  
**Attachments:** Biesecker.pdf

Reply ABOVE THIS LINE

---

Dear FOIA Officer:

Attached is a formal request for public records. Please feel free to contact me at this email address or at 2019277280 with any questions.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Talia Lavin

This message was sent via iFOIA.org. If you have questions about iFOIA, please refer to the [About page](#) or email [ifoia-help@rcfp.org](mailto:ifoia-help@rcfp.org).

---

*This message was sent via [iFOIA.org](#).*

---

Talia Lavin  
Journalist  
Freelance  
1429 Bushwick Avenue  
3R  
New York, NY 11207  
2019277280

September 08, 2017

FOIA Officer  
Environmental Protection Agency  
National Headquarters  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Environmental Protection Agency, (2822T)  
Washington, DC 20460  
(202) 566-1667  
hq.foia@epa.gov

**FOIA REQUEST**

**Fee benefit requested**

**Fee waiver requested**

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of Any emails or communications concerning the AP's reporting on Superfund sites affected by Hurricane Harvey; any emails or internal communications regarding AP reporter Michael Biesecker; any emails or internal communications leading up to the EPA's news releases about Superfund sites on September 2nd, 2017, entitled "Status of Superfund Sites in Areas Affected by Harvey," and on September 3rd, 2017, entitled "EPA Response To The AP's Misleading Story." Any emails or internal communications related to the composition and timing of the Sept 2nd and Sept 3rd news releases. Any emails or internal communications concerning reactions from the media to the Sept 2nd and 3rd news releases.

I would like to receive the information in paper or thumb drive.

I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$10. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on The changing of the EPA under the Trump administration, particularly as regards its reaction to critics and the press that is of current interest to the public because Unprecedented bashing of the press from the Environmental Protection Agency is an egregious example of institutional drift in the past 8 months. This information is being sought on behalf of Freelance for dissemination to the general public. I am a fact-checker at the New Yorker and have published several features on NewYorker.com, as well as a forthcoming essay in the New York Times Book Review.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities. I believe the public has a legitimate interest in knowing how the Trump administration displays its hostility to the press not just in the White House, but in federal agencies.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

I would appreciate your communicating with me by email or telephone, rather than by mail.

I look forward to your determination regarding my request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Talia Lavin